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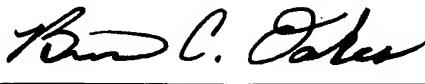
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Copies of these references are submitted herewith in accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.98(a).

The references listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 were cited in an European Search Report for Application Number EP-04-00-6135. A copy is attached hereto.

The documents are being submitted within three (3) months of the filing of this application or entry into the national stage of this application, or before the first Office Action on the merits, whichever is later, therefore no fee is required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b).

It is requested that the accompanying PTO-1449 be considered and made of record in the above-identified application. To assist the Examiner, the documents are listed on the attached form PTO-1449. It is respectfully requested that an Examiner-initialed copy of this form be returned to the undersigned.

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